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1. Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement,
2. Form PTO-1449,
3. Copies of five (5) references,
4. Copy of the International Search Report issued in PCT/FI2005/050067, and
5. Return postcard.

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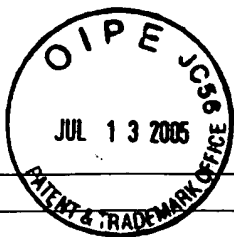
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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97-1.99, Applicants hereby submit the enclosed PTO Form 1449. Copies of the United States patents cited herein are not being submitted according to the August 5, 2003, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Official Gazette Notice regarding Information Disclosure Statement filings. Copies of the remaining references are enclosed. This Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with the continuing duty of candor as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56.

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copy of the International Search Report is enclosed. Accordingly, as provided in 37 CFR §1.704(d), Applicants understand that the submission of this statement will not affect the Patent Term.

In the judgment of the undersigned, portions of the listed references may be material to the Examiner's consideration of the presently pending claims. However, the references have not been reviewed in sufficient detail to make any other representation and, in particular, no representation is intended as to the relative importance of any portion of the references. This statement is not a representation that the listed references have effective dates early enough to be "prior art" within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. § 102 or § 103.

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